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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

## ***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE***

Welcome Back to all of the Snow Birds. You have arrived just in time to join in to our fourth quarter charity, Toys-for-Tots (T4T). A cruise-in was held at The Grand Oaks on last Friday to kick off the drive. On a day that was questionable, whether it was going to rain or not, we collected over 150 toys and almost \$2000.00. The T4T drive was guided by Mike White, Jim Loguidice, Charlie Tagman, and Roger Stokes. We're off to a great start but we must keep the momentum going.

Details for our annual Christmas party will be posted shortly. Again, Roger Stokes has secured a great caterer, FMK caterers (the same people we had last year), some really good entertainment by David Vece, and an all-around good time. Watch the web site for info about the annual Christmas Party, Thursday December 13, 2018, at Eisenhower. You won't want to miss this one!

On November 17, 2018, we have The Marion County Corvette Club Annual All Corvette Show. This show will be presented at Market Street at Heath Brook, next to Dillard's, in the Ocala area. Looks like we have about 25 / 30 cars going at this time. We need at least 40 cars to make this trip. Talk to event leader Tom Reynolds about this event. Don't forget to pick up your "I'M Going" button.

November is a very important month for our club. It is our annual election for club officers and validation for our several club charities. Be there to help select our Board of Directors and our charities.

Again, I appreciated the support of our Greeters Brenda and Vern Edwards, 50/50 sales with the support of Richard Frost and Chief Rich Rose, Mike and Vicki Roemer for working our New Member sign-up table, and Darry Bova and Sharon Adams for checking in our guests for the Hog Roast.

***Gene McConkey***

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## MEET ROGER STOKES AND HIS LADY CINDY

Roger Stokes and Cindy moved to The Villages in the latter part of 2005 from West Palm Beach area. They had a house built in the Village of Virginia Trace. The week-end they were scheduled to move from West Palm Beach, it was hit by hurricane Wilma. That was a strange event to happen prior to our moving.

Cindy is a north Florida girl born in Lake City. After she graduated from high school she moved to West Palm Beach to attend dental hygiene college, where she graduated and went to work at a local dentist office. She practiced for 47 years.

While living in West Palm Beach she married and has two beautiful daughters. The oldest daughter is married and lives in Stuart, Florida. She is vice president of an insurance company and has two children. Cindy's youngest daughter resides in Jupiter, Florida with her husband and 3 children. She attended University of Miami and is a Dr. of Dermatology Pathology.

For many years Cindy and her ex-husband enjoyed years of fishing and diving in the Bahamas. Cindy purchased a condo in Stuart, Florida so she could be close to her 5 grandchildren. They go to Stuart at least once a month so Cindy can get her grandchildren "fix".

Roger was married and has 2 children, Eric and Kim. Eric is living north of Atlanta, Georgia. Kim is married, has 2 boys, and lives in Wellington, Florida. When Roger graduated from high school he entered the Metro-Dade County Fire Department. After 30 years, Roger retired as an engineer and paramedic.

After retirement, Roger moved to West Palm Beach. He was asked to join the Grand Prix of Palm Beach to become the Operations Manager responsible for all outside operations. The race ran for a period of three years. After the Grand Prix was over and during their spare time, the promoter and Roger went road racing, where they entered the IMSA racing series. They raced a 1986 corvette. That was Roger's introduction to Corvettes and auto racing. After a couple years, they gave up racing.

Prior to moving to The Villages, Roger purchased a 1986 corvette. Since then, Roger is on his third corvette, the latest a 2018 Grand Sport convertible. Roger's second Corvette was a 1998 Indianapolis Pace Car. It wasn't just a replica but one of 6 cars used and documented as an Official Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500 event.

Cindy and Roger joined the Village Vettes Corvette Club in 2005, shortly after it was formed. During their tenure, Cindy and Roger have been very active in the club activities by either serving on the Board of Directors or chairing club events. Since 2005, They have enjoyed our corvette family and everything that the club represents.

As Roger would say, "That's my story and I'm sticking to it".



The Village Vettes 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan will occur on Wednesday, 5 Dec '18. Members will rally at the Nahas Chevrolet dealership (4135 East SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785) at 10:00 AM for some coffee/hot chocolate/donuts. Remaining donated toys will be collected/segregated/bagged. At 11:30 AM, the Club Caravan will depart the dealership for the Marine Corps Collection/Storage Warehouse (Phillips Collision Center 3320 U S Highway 441, Fruitland Park, FL 34731) for presentation of the collected toys and funds. It is an approximate 17-minute (10.9 Mile) cruise. Members will be invited to tour the facility, observe the process for toy distribution, meet the staff, and have a hot dog/hamburger lunch. There is no expectation for members to remain on-site for an extended length of time.

To facilitate the logistics/coordination needed for the event, it is requested you register for the event at the Village Vettes web site, [www.villagevettes.com](http://www.villagevettes.com).

At the October '18 General Membership Meeting, there were some members requesting details on how they can volunteer to support the Marine Corps League's Toys-For-Tots Collection/Storage Warehouse operation. Marine Corps League Toys-For-Tots Coordinator, Bruce JONES, advises to give him a call. (Home: (352) 674-9142; Cell (816) 225-3753; e-mail - [cjbwjones@hotmail.com](mailto:cjbwjones@hotmail.com)) He will schedule according to the anticipated need. The warehouse operates from 08:00 AM thru 05:00 PM daily. All dates through distribution week (10 – 15 Dec '18) are open for volunteers.



Also, similar to last year, members will have the option to drop-off their collected toys early at the Nahas dealership. This will allow for the early segregation/bagging of toys. Nahas will have a conspicuously displayed vehicle with the Village Vettes banner in the showroom for the early drop-off.

***Event Leader - Mike White***

## Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member  
must logon to our website  
VILLAGEVETTES.COM

**11/8 - \*\*Thursday – Pre-meeting Dinner at Riccardi's)**  
(Registration Required)

**11/17 - \*\*Saturday – Market Street at Heath Brook**  
(Adjacent to Dillard's) put on by the Corvette Club  
of Marion County in Ocala,FL

**12/5 – Friday – VVCC Toys-4-Tots Caravan (10 AM)**  
(Registration Required)

**12/13 - \*\*Thursday – VVCC Christmas Dinner/  
Dance/Party**

Future Venues that we are scheduling are Barberville  
Pioneer Settlement and Howey-in-the-Hills Mansion  
tour. Details are not available at this time.

**\*\* - See our webpage for details  
and other car related events.**

## Toys-for Tots at Grand Oaks

Event Leader - Jim Loguidice

In spite of the imminent weather, the volunteers were on time and ready to work early Friday afternoon (2 pm). They were enthusiastic in attacking the tasks at hand. Our anticipation of cars showing up early (3 pm) did not prove true, also due to the weather. But, we were ready none-the-less. Barb Matson of "Party with Barb!" provided the music under the main canopy. The Grand Oaks provided Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Chicken sandwiches on the outside gas grill for a nominal fee, and the Bistro Bar was open.

The weather eventually cleared and it turned out to be a beautiful afternoon. The timing of the rain swale could not have been worse. It happened at the time some clubs were undoubtedly deciding to "start their engines", or not. As a result, the expected numbers were way down. We hoped for 200+ cars and anticipated 150. Our unofficial count was approximately 45 cars and 5 motorcycles from the Nomads. (VVCC member Bob Kerfin is President of the Nomads).

The Daily Sun indicated that the Antique Car Club in The Villages had 30 cars at the Brownwood Halloween event for kids that day. That's something we need to consider next year. At the time of scheduling our event, we didn't know of this conflict.

Our gross proceeds that day included a 50/50, a Corn Hole game, and cash/check donation in the amount of **\$1,944**. Most expenses have been accounted but a final tally of a few small items is still outstanding. To date, we spent approximately **\$580**, well below the budget of **\$1,100**.

**It should be noted** that committee member **Charlie Tagman** donated the cost of the Daily Sun Newspaper ad that appeared in the paper on Friday, October 19, 2018. Charlie also donated the ad last year. This is a substantial expense savings. Thank You Charlie!

After all expense receipts are accounted, a detailed finance report for the event will be submitted.

















## 2018 Election Update

Elections for our 2019 Board of Directors will take place at the General Membership on Thursday, November 8, 2018. The last position still in need of a candidate is “Activities Director “. This a call for a “Tenured” member who may be interested in that position for 2019.

**\*\* ALL OTHER POSITIONS HAVE CANDIDATES**

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Don Chaney, our 2018 «Activities Director», is available for information regarding this position.

If you are interested in being a candidate for “Activities Director” or want to nominate someone, please reply to one of Election Committee members listed below ASAP.

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## Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs

Event Leader – Tim Berthiaume

In early October, several members of the Village Vettes attending a wine making class at the Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs. In December, they will return to the winery to fill their bottles and label them.

As it turned out, we had two extra bottles of Cuvee Blanc White wine. We collectively decided to share them with our club membership and brought them to our June meeting to be offered up to members as 50/50 drawing door prizes. Bob Kerfin and Dave Taylor were the lucky winners. Just remember...It is not what vintage or year the wine was made but what month!





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On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, twelve wine connoisseurs arrived at the Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs to make a fresh vat of wine. A batch of wine at the Corkscrew Winery makes 28 to 30 bottles of custom made-to-order wine. Custom to the point that you make it yourself. This adventure was limited to 14 people so that each person receives 2 bottles of wine. We had a raffle to determine whose Corvette will be pictured on our custom labels on the wine bottles. Terri Berthiaume was the winner. The wine making process begins with checking the PH level & temperature of



the filtered water. Yeast is added for the fermentation process. The grapes were already smashed so everyone was able to keep their shoes on. Everyone had a hand in the process of making the wine, and in two months we'll all return to bottle our wine and put on our custom labels.

Afterwards we went to dinner at Sakura's Japanese Restaurant where our dinner was cooked on a table side hibachi grill. It was amazing how many of us were able to catch a piece of broccoli in our mouth on the first throw from the chef.

All are welcome to come out and watch us bottle and label our wine as you enjoy a glass (or two) of wine on tap at the Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs Town Square on December 11th at 3:00.





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**NOVEMBER 2018 UPDATE** - Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.



The NCM Delivery Department now offers "Corvette 101" – a program that provides owners assistance for those who would like personalized training on their C7 Corvette. A NCM Delivery Team member will provide a quality, thorough orientation of the vehicle. Sessions are by appointment only, so be sure to schedule in advance. Prior to your appointment, we will research your car's options using the VIN number. Come prepared with any questions you may have regarding the features of your car. Topics can include...Infotainment system, memory seats, drive mode selection, performance data recorder (PDR), heads-up display (HUD), driver instrument center (DIC), curb and rear vision cameras, remote keyless entry/ remote start, vehicle maintenance/care and more.

Price: Cost of the Corvette 101 program is \$50.00 per hour. Payment for the first hour is due at the time of scheduling. Additional hours can be purchased on demand. Start Time: Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Appointments can be made for either 10:00 AM (CT) or 2:00 PM (CT). Additional information on the "Corvette 101" program is available by contacting Museum Delivery Program Manager – Shane Webb at: [shane@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:shane@corvettemuseum.org) or call (800) 205-4248 / (270) 777-4505.

**Corvette Raffle Tickets** - On Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 2 pm CT a **2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Grand Sport Convertible** will be raffled. Tickets are **\$200** each with sales limited to **1,000** tickets.



**REMINDER** – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining or renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, getting a quote or actually signing up for insurance, visiting the museum, buying build sheets or window stickers, etc., **please remember to contact me at either the above email address or cell phone to insure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM.**



## Corvettes to Yellowstone National Park

Event Leader Bob Kerfin

Interested in cruising your Corvette to Yellowstone National Park in South Dakota? VVCC member Bob Kerfin formerly a member of the Outcast Corvette Club out of Chicago is planning a trip next September. They will leave on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Bob will keep us posted. If you want more details, contact Bob Kerfin at 847-366-7888.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### List of New Members Since Oct 1, 2018:

**Victoria and Irvin Ray Privott**

live in the Village of Gilchrist.

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members!

## CORVETTE DELIVERY Did You Know?

The Chevrolet Delivery Center at Daytona International Speedway is like a tiny little Chevy dealership right next to Daytona's Victory Lane. This facility is used to promote the Chevrolet brand to attendees of racing events, but it also serves as the base of operations for Chevrolet's Daytona delivery program.

Those who opt to have their new Corvette delivered to Daytona (like the R8C program at National Corvette Museum), get a tour of the facility, a chance to drive their new car on the track, a "keepsake to commemorate their experience" and documentation that verifies that your vehicle was part of the Daytona delivery process.

The company expects the price to be in the same ballpark as the Corvette Museum Delivery program, which costs \$990.



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## Wreaths Across America

Event Leader - Bob Kerfin

Did you feel a sense of gratitude placing flags at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell and honoring our fallen veterans last Memorial weekend? In case you did or did not, we have an opportunity to participate in "Wreaths Across America".

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve.  
. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11:45 AM, Wreaths Across America will be at Florida National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

An open call to place wreaths at as many graves as possible is out for all to participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

If you want more details, contact  
Bob Kerfin at 847-366-7888.